



## What might encourage you?

I have recently bought a new Bible. After over a decade with my old one, the re-taped binding holding the cover on was on its last legs, and I figured it was just time for a new one.

So, along with my new Bible reading plan, on Monday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> I started using my new Bible. And I've got to say, it's really nice! The translation is the same (NIV2011), but the experience of the new book has been quite enjoyable. Each new section I open up, the pages need to be separated, and it has 2 ribbons! Good for holding spots in the Old and New Testaments!

Now, if this sounds a lot like an ad, you are right!

What resource might help you this year in your Bible reading, study, or prayer? We have many good resources available in the book stall which cover various aspects of the Christian life. Some suggestions:

- *5 Things To Pray For Your Kids* by Melissa Kruger. Want some help in what to pray for your children, beyond the everyday pressures of life? Here are plenty of suggestions to pray for their growth in life and Christian faith.
- *The Message of Galatians* by John Stott. Reading a commentary alongside a book of the Bible can help you go deeper with understanding, as well as give further insights to supercharge your own personal reflection. Galatians majors on issues of salvation and holiness in Jesus Christ and rewards focused study.
- *Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert* by Rosaria Butterfield. A well written autobiography of how Butterfield - a lesbian, professor of English and women's studies, and someone who despised Christians - came to follow Christ and her wrestling with different aspects of Christian faith and culture.

- Sam Pursell

# Church News

## Guest Preacher

Today we welcome back Peter Clark as our guest preacher.

Peter is a retired minister and lives locally. Please take the chance to welcome him and say hello!

## Children & Youth programs

During school holidays, our normal children's and youth programs take a break until February.

Colouring sheets will be available for children at our services.

## Pursell family on holiday

Sam, Susan and the family are on a much deserved break until this **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January**.

Our Wardens (Dave Crook, Andy Peters and Peter Taylor) are the point of contact during this time.

## 5pm Service

Today is our last *informal Bible study gathering at 5pm*.

Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January, our regular 5pm service returns.

## Kids' Church Picnic

Join us on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm** for a Kids' Church Picnic.

Kids' Church will also return on this date. BYO food & drinks plus chairs or picnic rug. Location will be **Central Park**, Oak Flats.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

| JAN |                  |                                     | FEB |                  |                     |
|-----|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|------------------|---------------------|
| Sun | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 5pm Service resumes                 | Thu | 16 <sup>th</sup> | Lovell's Info night |
| FEB |                  |                                     | APR |                  |                     |
| Fri | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Kids' Club & Refuge begins          | Fri | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Good Friday         |
| Sun | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Kids' Church returns & Picnic       | Sun | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Easter Sunday       |
| Tue | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Playmakers resume<br>SRE Conference |     |                  |                     |

## Birthdays

23<sup>rd</sup> Barbara Mayhew

## Anniversaries

### The people who are serving us

| 9.30am                | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan | 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan | 5pm                   | 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Welcomer:</b>      | K & R Eton           | V O'Regan/B Clark    | <b>Welcomer:</b>      | E Stokes             |
| <b>Bible Reader:</b>  | J Orange             | R Eton               | <b>Bible Reader:</b>  | E Hick               |
| <b>Prayer Leader:</b> | D Young              | D Orange             | <b>Prayer Leader:</b> | V O'Regan            |
| <b>Morning Tea:</b>   | R Hannam/TBC         | C Bonnici/B Mayhew   | <b>Afternoon Tea:</b> | S Stanojevic         |
| <b>MT Clean Up:</b>   | C Bonnici            | R Hannam             | <b>AT Clean Up:</b>   | E Stanojevic         |

**Saturday Cleaning:** J & M Klasson/B Clark

**Saturday Mowing:** P Pratt/R Siles

STEPPING INTO 2023 ON THE RIGHT FOOT

# How Do We Know Our Faith Is Real?

**James 1:19-27**

**Peter Clark • 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023**

1. Our conversation will show it (v.26)
2. Our compassion will show it (v.27a)
3. Our character will show it (v.27b)

## *Next Sunday...*

Luke Sermon series • 'Jesus' power to heal' • Sam Pursell

Readings: Habakkuk 1:1-11 & Luke 7:1-17

# Information about our Church

## Your kids are welcome

Children are welcome to stay with you during church. Kids church starts roughly 15 mins into the 9:30am service (during school terms).

You may also take your child to the Cry Room at the rear of the church to watch us live on a TV.

## Check out our bookstall

View our quality selection of Christian books for sale at the bookstall located at the rear of the church.

## Join a Bible study group

Our midweek Bible study groups are great for connecting with others. To join a group, contact the office.

## We are filming church

(9:30am service only)

For those unable to attend, we are streaming and recording video at [live.oakflatsanglican.com](http://live.oakflatsanglican.com).

You may be filmed.

## Kids and Youth programs

In school terms, we offer a range of midweek programs for toddlers, children and youth.

## Weekly prayer meeting

Saturday, 7:30am (online via Zoom)

A time to share, to encourage, and to pray for one another. Come join us and experience and power of prayer!

Contact Geoff Kyngdon for details.

Scan for the online 'Contact Us' form



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# Prayers

## CURRENT PRAYERS

### The World

Peace in Ukraine and forgiveness amid the carnage.

All leaders, may they lead wisely with justice.

Energy and food security during a harsh Winter.

Those suffering from starvation in so many places.

### Our World

Our leaders at all levels.

May our Christian leaders stand up and speak out when needed.

Our rural communities and the Christians that live there.

### Our Ministries

Thank God for sustaining us in 2022.

Continued planning for 2023 for vision and overall support.

Refreshment during the end of year break.

All our families, young and old.

### Our People

Those in special need.

Our devotions for purpose and dedication.

For those who are struggling with various issues, exacerbated by the time of the year.

### People in need

Olga & John Covetz, Dave & Jan Crook, Auriel & Barrie Hadley, Robert & Raija Hannam, Pauline Kirby, Joy Meyer, Allan Quinn, Merv & Nola Sercombe, Mary Straughan, Chris & John Wilson.

## REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 3 OF 4)

### Government

The Premier and NSW politicians.

World Focus

The continent of Asia.

### Mission Partners

Stewart Continuing Ministries - training leaders of the persecuted church in ministry.

### Organisations We Support

Youthworks and the Bible Society.

### Word Ministry Training

Ministry Training and Development (MT&D) and the Ministry Training Strategy (MTS).

### Staff and Senior Leadership

Wardens and Parish Councillors.

### Children and Youth Ministry

Kids' Church.

### Adult Ministry

Seniors (Time Out).

### Local Evangelism

Outreach to emergency services and community groups.

### Members unable to attend church

Those house-bound or living in nursing homes including Bob & Margaret Abrahams, Olga Covetz, Audrey Ford, Lily Lyddiard and Harry Witte.

### Local Public Schools

Oak Flats Public, Balarang Public and Oak Flats High.

Contact our Prayer Coordinator, Geoff Kyngdon with any prayer requests or if you wish to be part of the prayer chain. He can be contacted on either 0417 044 565 or [geoff.kyngdon@oakflatsanglican.com](mailto:geoff.kyngdon@oakflatsanglican.com).